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1) CONTINUE RESERVE. US WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION
ON TYPES OF NITROCELLULOSE TO BE PRODUCED BY THE PRESSES.
ACCORDING TO US TECHNICIANS THESE PHRASES ARE MOST USEFUL
FOR PROCESSING NITROCELLULOSE TO BE USED FOR GUNCOTTON,
SMOKELESS POWDER AND DYNAMITE. ON THE OTHER HAND
THESE PRESSES CANNOT BE USED EFFECTIVELY FOR QUOTE
DEWATERING UNQUOTE 11.3 PERCENT NITROGEN GRADE NITRO-
CELLULOSE USED FOR LACQUERS BECAUSE THIS GRADE TENDS
TO BE GUMMY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE NITROCELLULOSE IS
NOT POLYMERIZED SUFFICIENTLY TO BE TOTALLY INSOLUBLE IN
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ALCOHOL. HAS THE USER OF THESE PRESSES DEVELOPED A

TECHNIQUE TO GET AROUND THE GUMMY PROBLEM?

2) WHAT TYPES OF NITROCELLULOSE ARE BEING CURRENTLY
PRODUCED BY THE PURCHASER OF THE PRESSES?

3) WHAT WOULD BE THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF THESE PRESSES

AND WHY WOULD FOUR RATHER THAN A LESSER NUMBER OF PRESSES
BE NEEDED?

4) WHAT ASSURANCES EXIST THAT THE PRODUCT OF THE PRESSES
WOULD NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY-TYPE PROPELLANTS AND
EXPLOSIVES? INGERSOLL

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